

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

More specifically, as shown in FIG. 3, the drum driving device 10 includes a casing made up of a hollow cylindrical cover 12 and a disk-like lid member 13 closing the open end of the cover 12. The output shaft 11 is passed through the center of the lid member 13 and extends throughout the drum driving device 10. Bearings 12a and 13a are respectively mounted on the cover 12 and lid member 13 and rotatably support the output shaft 11. The bearing 13a mounted on the lid member 13 is affixed to ~~an~~ a stationary gear 14 press-fitted in the lid member 13. To insure the smooth rotation of the output shaft, 11, the bearings 12a and ~~12b~~ 13a must be precisely coaxial with each other. For this purpose, the bearings 12a and 13a are assembled by use of screws, circumference caulking or similar method.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Two planetary gears 21 revolve round a sun gear made up of the stationary gear 14 and output gear 16, and each is mounted on a respective planetary gear shaft 22, which is press fitted or otherwise affixed to the disk 17. The planetary gear shafts 22 are parallel to the output shaft 11 and affixed to the disk 17 symmetrically to each other with respect to the output shaft 11. The planetary gear shafts 22 are positioned such that the distance between the axis of each planetary gear ~~22~~ 21 and that of the output shaft 11 is optimal for the planetary gear ~~33~~ 21 and the stationary gear 14 and output gear 16 to mesh each other. A stop ring 23, for example, retains each planetary gear 21 on the associated planetary gear

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shaft 22. The stop ring 23 prevents the planetary gear 21 from slipping out of the planetary gear shaft 22 during rotation and maintains the meshing relation between the planetary gear 21 and the stationary gear 14 and output gear 16.